maining portion of the trip, with the subjects to be discussed at each place:

ON TOBACCO.

February 20—Cascade, 3:25 A. M.; Axton.
1945 A. M.; Martinsville, 12:05 P. M.;
Spencer, 2:25 P. M.

February 21st—Chatham. 9:10 A. M.;
Franklin Junction, 10:15 A. M.; Hurt,
11:10 A. M.; Lawyers, 12:15 P. M.; Amberst, 2:25 P. M.

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February 22t—Somerset, 9:10 A. M.;
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Rapidan, 10:05 A. M.; Culpeper, 11:06 A.
M.; Remington, 12:55 P. M.; Calverton,
2:00 P. M.; Nokeaville, 2:50 P. M.; Masnassa, 3:40 P. M.

February 22t—Haymarket, 8:55 A. M.;
Broadeun, 9:40 A. M.; Marshvill, 10:35
A. M.; Markham, 11:40 A. M.; Front
Royal, 12:50 P. M.; Riverton, 2:25 P. M.;
Woodstock, 10:10 A. M.; Edinburg, 10:55
A. M.; Mt. Jackson, II:45 A. M.; New
Market, 1:10 P. M.; Timberville, 1:50 P.
M.; Broadway, 2:30 P. M.; Harrisonburg,
3:30 P. M.

Pebruary 28th-Luray, 9:30 A. M.; Shen-ndoah, 10:32 A. M.; Elkton, 11:12 A. M.; Port Republic, 1:07 P. M.; Busic, 2:03

P. M.
February 27th—Stuart's Draft, 2:17 A.
M.; Greenville, 2:57 A. M.; Buena Vista,
II:15 A. M.; Natural Bridge, 1:18 P. M.;
Buchanan, 2:08 P. M.; Troutville, 3:06
P. M.; Hellins, 3:38 P. M.

SELECTING THE SEED.

Profession and Business Men Boarded Train Upon Arrival.

TRAIN AT GREEN BAY.

Expert Shamel Made a Good Talk

on the Tobacco Industry.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

(REEN BAY, VA., February 19.—The
Agricultural train reached here at 11:15
this morning, in charge of Conductor
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Commissioner Koiner made the opening address, at the conclusion of which he introduced Mr. Shamel, a tobacco expert, furnished by the Department of Agriculture, who, in a thirty-five minute speech, explained to those present the most improved methods of successful tobacco raising from an actual experience of six years in the Department of Agriculture. A large crowd was on hand, and all were very much pleased with the experts views and his advanced ideas of totacco raising. He convinced those present that the first important thing to consider was the selection of the right and of seed. He also instruced his hearers that each locality should raise its own seed, and, by the means suggested, with only a small per cent of extra labor, a uniform crop can be made.

SENSIBLE SUGGESTIONS. How to Improve the Tobacco

Crop from Year to Year.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SOUTH BOSTON, VA., February 19.—
commissioner Kolner's special tobaccorain from Richmond to Martinsville arived here at 3:10 this afternoon, and rained thirty minutes. A small but apreciative crowd greeted the train, as

of the crops.

The suggestions were very sensible. First, to separate the seeds, they being of different, sizes and weights, and the larger and heavier being known to produce better plants, it was very important to separate the seeds so as to avoid using the smaller and lighter. Second, to select the plants from which to raise seeds, choosing the healthlest and those having the best shaped leaves, and, as far as possible, those freest from suckers, selecting the best each year, and gradually improving the crop in this way. Third, taking care of the seeds while they are maturing by bagging the flower just before it blooms, and thus preventing mix-Yore it blooms, and thus preventing mixing with other plants by having foreign pollen brought in by bees and other agencies.



February introduces novel-ties that are forerunners of spring fashions. Fancy Waistcoats are now being made for evening dress— a silk mixture of black and

white.
Black and white ties to wear
with Tuxedoes.
The long Chesterfield, with
deep vent, is to be the coming
favorite among overcoats. (We

have it.)
Fawn Castor Gloves are another February novelty.
Another--Tan shirts and blue cravats.

Another--Gloves, gaiters and scaris to match.
- A rule that's always right is wear Dunlap Hats.



sion, chiefly copies of papers. At one

It was pointed out by Major Rison that in the event that the investigation re-sulted in the discovery of malfeasance sulted in the discovery of malfeasance or misfeasance on the part of any member or members of the Corporation Commission, the Senate might be called upon to sit as a court in the trial of the case. He questioned whether under these circustances it would be proper for senators to serve on the investigation commission. "We do not anticipate an impeachment proceeding," said Mr. Byrd with a smile.

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this reason the vote had been postponed until Wednesday. During the half hour after which this statement was made members of the committee consulted earnestly in groups of twos and threes in the Senate chamber, and it began to be whispered around that a change of programme was being suggested. Later at night it was definitely announced that a special session had been called for 11 A. M. to-day. A. M. to-day.

Too Far to Be Stopped.

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It is practically beyond question that the committee will make a favorable report upon the Byrd resolution.

Many senators deprecate the introduction of the resolution for various reasons, but feel that the matter has gone too far to be stopped now. Everybody immediately concerned is asking for the inquiry, since it has been suggested, and the people seem to demand it. The effect upon the session of the General Assembly, however, will, it is held, be disastrous. The body is now in desperate straits to get through with a reasonable amount of the work cut out for it before the remaining three weeks are at an end. As it is, there is no hope whatever of doing all that should be done. Only the matters of vital importance can be considered. To incorporate into the midst of the strenuous days and nights of the General Assembly at this stage of the session an investigation of the character proposed would be to make confusion worse conlegislative matters. Interest will be absolved by the investigation. Perhaps the committee will held executive sessions after all, though this is scarcely probable unless it is done simply to remove the attraction that would draw the law-makers away from their desks. Already it is being strongly intimated on the Senate side that it might be desirable to provide for a committee that will sit after the General Assembly adjourns. If this were done, and the report it decleded to make required action by the General Assembly, a special session might then be called for the-purpose. egislative matters. Interest will be ab

The Clowes Matter

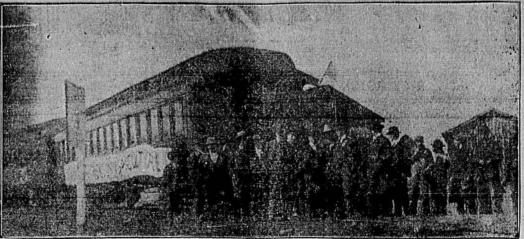
Beyond the fact that the Senate re-fused to adopt the Fulton resolution little or nothing is known of the executive dis-cussion touching the Clowes matter. In the absence of Mr. Fulton the resolution was called up by General Anderson, of

was called up by General Anderson, of Richmond.

Mr. Keezell, Rockingham, promptly moved that the body go into executive session for the consideration of the matter. There was not a dissenting voice. Outsiders were rejected, the doors were closed, and the Senate then proceeded to vote down the Fulton resolution. The consideration which weighed most with the body was the fact that the investigation has proceeded to a considerable length already. It was held that this condition, if the doors were opened at this stage, would give an unfair advantage to the side still to be heard. The Fulton resolution read as follows:

Resolved by the Senate of Virginia, That the committee appointed to investigate the fitness of E. H. Clowes to be a director of the Eastern State Hospital be, and it is hereby directed; to proceed with its further investigation in open session, and the seal of secrecy heretofore imposed is removed from the evidence already taken.

The Clowes committee will meet at



VIEW OF FARMERS' INSTITUTE TEAM AT KEYSVILLE

Mr. Joseph T. Lawless, were Murphy's last night. The Saunders Case.

The Saunders Case.

Outright rejection of the appointment was the result of the consideration of the case of Joseph H. Saunders, Superintendent of Schools of Portsmouth. Mr. Niemeyer Senator from that city, objected to the appointment. The superintendent was represented on the Boor of the Senate by Mr. Sadler, of Powintan. Permission was granted to Mr. Niemeyer to publish in his home papers the carefully-prepared speech he delivered in the executive session with reference to Mr. Saunders. This partial letting down of the bars was much criticized yesterday by the other side. Mr. Saunders, of course, is not controlled by the Senate and can make such publication as he sees fit. Mr. Niemeyer refused to talk last night.

"I have assumed entire responsibility for the rejection of the homination of Mr. Saunders," he declared. "I shall publish my statement in the Portsmouth papers when I return, not elsewhere."

Both sides of this case have been set forth at length in this paper. There was no deviation from the lines already laid down. While he intimated that he had some personal objections to Mr. Saunders, Mr. Niemeyer did not advance these, but confined himself to an argument, the chief feature of which was that Mr. Saunders should not hold two positions at once-superintendent and principal-and that his selection was not popular in Portsmouth. On the other side it was pointed out that this system prevalls in other places and is expressly permitted under the laws.

It was also hinted that political differences were at the bottom of the fight on Mr. Saunders, Mr. Saunders will continue as principal, if he so desires, at a salary of \$1.500. The superintendent gets: \$340. Mr. Ashton, the man Mr. Saunders displaced, is mentioned for this post.

The Baldwin Case.

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Doherty Confirmed. The Senate confirmed the appointment of James B. Doberty to be Commissioner of Labor for a term of two years, begin-ning on March 1st.

VALENTINE PARTY.

Mr Samuel Harwood Celebrates His Eighty-Ninth Birthday.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WALKERTON, VA., February 12.—Miss
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Louise Stace entertained the young people of Walkerton with a valentine party
last Friday evening. Each guest was requested to come representing a valentine,
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the decorations were in pink
hearts, which were scattered about in
great profusion and tastily arranged. This
feature was carried out in the refreshments.
Each guest was presented with dainty
little paper hearts on which were written

weil, Clarence Simboulas, Marcolar Burke, Douglas Harrower and Dr. B. B. Bagby,
Mr. Samuel Harwood, who lives near King and Queen Courthouse, celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday last Saturday, He and Mr. John Ryland are The two oldest gentlemen in the county, and their many friends hope they may live to reach the century mark.

Colonel Gerhart and Mr. Cole, of New York, have been stopping at the hotel in Walkerton after traveling through the country in the interest of the railroad. Mr. Rowland Barefoot contemplates opening a store in Walkerton this spring, which will make the fourth in this thriving little villege, but there is such a thing as over-doing a matter.

VIRGINIANS OFFICERS OF DIVORCE CONGRESS

Question of Judges Granting Certain Charters Interestingly Discussed in Senate.

JUDGE PHLEGAR RAISES POINT

Calls Attention to Possibility of Negro Mayor and Negro Officials.

Broad questions of public policy touchof the development within Virginia borders of negro settlements chartered in one other officers were involved in a discus-

sion in the Senate yesterday of the Sadler bill providing a general act for the incorporation of towns of more than 200 and less than \$500 inhabitants.

While there were a number of other considerations affecting the measure, the racial question it raised was by far the more important in the popular mind. In the opinion of several senators the bill if enacted would create a condition under which it would be impossible without recourse to something suspiciously like a judicial subterfuge of doubtful constitutionality to prevent the incorporation of communities in which negroes held the balance of power. What this meant for the whites situated therein and subjected to the dominance of negro officers, it was easy to see and what it meant further as a breeder of troubles it was declared to be equally easy to freeast.

Madison Heights Case.

to exist over the State, Mr. Sadler pre-sented this bill carrying out the provis-ion of the constitution that the General Assembly shall enact a general law for the organization and government of cities and towns. No such meneral to

Judge L legar Opposes.

Opposition came chiefly from JudgePhlegar, of Montgomery, who after de-

the bench. He predicted that it the burder passed Virginia would find within her fimits at no distant date a number of negro towns. In many communities the negroes are able to muster a majority of the voters, and the courts, holding the scales of justice evenly, must grant them a charter or else do what a court should not do—discriminate on color lines and do for the whites what it would not do for the whites what it would not do for the blacks, Once having obtained a charter, the negroes would proceed to elect their own mayor and town officers.

What the whites living in such a community would have to endure Judge Phlegar left to the imagination. He pointed out that if the present system were allowed to continue and if any negro communities 'ever made application for a charter the General Assembly could make a political issue of it and refuse the incorporation for the public good. passed Virginia would find within

Point Against It.

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Over Danville & Western, Ry.

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and the Senate, therefore, after over an hour's discussion, instead of ordering or refusing to order the bill to its engrossment, sent it back to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns. Mr. Sadler said last night he was preparing a new bill along the same general lines, but more perfect in its details.

SUITS STARTED AGAINST

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, February 19.—Charles A. Peabody, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, to-day authorized the statement that civil suits have been begun. In the Supreme Court against Richard A. McCurdy, former president of the Mutual Life; Robert H. McCurdy, former general manager; Colonel Charles H. Raymond and Louis A. Thebaud, constituting the firm of Charles A. Raymond and Company, late general metropolitan agents of the Mutual. John S. Wise, former congressman of Virginia, is counsel for Raymond and Thebaud.

souri vs. the State of Illinois, involving the right of the city of Chicago to divert its sawage into the Mississippi River through the Chicago Sanitary Canal and the Illinois River, was decided to-day by the Supreme Court of the United States in favor of Illinois. Justice Holmes delivered the opinion of the court, which was that Missouri did not prove its case. There was no dissent.

GERMANY REJECTS FRENCH PROPOSITION

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 19. Daniel E. Storms to-day resigned his

ANOTHER TURF SCANDAL

It will directly involve a prominent horso owner, and a track manager. Charges will be filed wherein fraud, collusion and unfair conduct are alleged to have occurred continuously since the opening

day.

Among the charges is one that a certain owner has been cheating with his horses by having races specially arranged for him and then "squaring" matters with an official, who is named in the charges, by presenting the official, after

Large Cans Best To- 25 c

Large Irish Potatoes, per 21c

Silver King Best Flour
sold 30c bag, or, barrel. \$4.75

String Beans, per 6c.

market, per package 3C
1-lb. Brick Boneless Cod
Fish, per pound 5C Best Elgin Buffer, per 25c Fresh Country Eggs, per 17c

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M'CURDYS AND OTHERS

TAKES SUPREME COURT TO SHOW MISSOURI

uprising, in this city, at the home of Dr. James P. Smith. Dr. Smith is greatly delighted that the family and the "four jewels," as he terms his grand-children, are all safe. MINE SUPERINTENDENT

Storms's resignation becomes effective April 1. Before that time, according to Governor Hanly, Storms has promised to make up certain moneys alleged to be due the State, aggregating \$8.310.

It is understood that this money is to be raised among certain railroad interests with the hopes that the resignation of Storms will avert the probability of a special session, at which there might be the consideration of a two cent fare law.

MAY BE DEVELOPED

CHICAGO February 18—Attorneys for the meat-packers sprung a surprise today in the plea for Immunity case in the Federal Court by summoning is the winces-stand Special Agent Durand, who conducted the Investigation Bureau of Corporations or the packing industry in Chicago and other cities. An effort was made to show by the witness that information other than that shown in the published report of Commissioner Garleld had been given by the commissioner or his subordinates to the Department of Justice. Mr. Durand admitted that some papers and tables that were not comprehended in the published report of the commissioner had been inspected by Assistant Attorney-General Pagin.

each race, with a box of cigars under the paper cover of which was placed a \$100 bill. It is alos claimed that one of the owners was accustomed to use train-ing shoes on some of his horses, thus handlcapping them effectually. Later he would remove the training shoes and replace them with racing shoes. was fifty-nine years of age. She is survived by her husband, John Price Harlow; four sons and three daughters-Roland D., R. E., W. T. and C. E. Harlaw; Mrs. R. J. Williams, Mrs. E. L. Redwood and Miss Carrie B. Harlow.

The funeral will take place from the First Baptist church at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Conover, Kingsbury, Dekoven.

QUIET IN CHINA.

RESPONSIBLE FOR DISASTER

TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED

GARFIELD FURNISHED

COCKRAN DOESN'T DENY

Polk Miller Entertains.

OBITUARY.

OIL AND COAL MONOPOLY

DATA IRREGULARLY

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, February 19.—Investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission of alleged monopoly of oil and cotal by combinations of railways and other corporations is authorized by a compromise resolution agreed upon to-

Dr. Jas. P. Smith Receives Satis-

On Exhibition

The most artistic and magnificently designed piano ever shown in Richmond.

The Conover Symphonic Grand Piano

A Grand Piano, in an upright case of regal mag-

Cold type cannot describe the artistic elegance

of this stately instrument.

Visitors are requested to call and examine same

The case is of solid mahogany, the keys of genu-ine ivory, and the mechanism throughout guaran-teed by the exclusive patents of The Cable Co.

Not one item has been neglected. In true accord

with the superb case, the tone quality is all that could be desired. Sweet, singing and sympathetic.

The Conover repeating action insures absolute re-sponsiveness to touch, and under the most severe

tests of distinguished pianists has met every musi-

SEE THE CABLE LINE.

A line of Pianos known by our guarantee to be

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while it is on exhibition in our show windows.

The funeral of Mrs. Bessie Alexander Meredith, wife of Mr. Dennis H. Mere-dith, who died at the residence of her parents. 226 Monteiro avenue, Barton Heights, Saturday, will take place from St. Peter's Cathedral at 10 o'clock this morning. factory Letter From Daughter. factory Letter From Daughter.
Dr. James Power Smith, editor of the Central Presbyterian, received a letter yesterday morning from his daughter, Mrs. Jämes B. Woods, now with her husland and their four young children in the city of Tsing-Vung-Pu, China, saying that all was quiet in the Celestial kingdom up to the date of the letter, January 18th. The writer had visited several cities, at all of which general quiet prevailed.
Dr. James B. Woods is a medical missionary, who, with his family spent the St. Peter's Catheura, morning. She is survived by her husband, four children, mother, father and three sisters.

The funeral of Mr. John H. Foster.

The funeral of Mr. John H. Foster, who oled in his home. 2705 Lester street, Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, will take place at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the home. Interment will be in Oakwood Cercity. He was seventy-two years of age. He is survived by his wife, three sons and a daughter. sionary, who, with his family spent the winter of 1902, the date of the last Boxer unrising. In this city, at the home of

John Finnerty.

John Finnerty, who for thirty-six years held the position of city weighmaster, died at 3 o'clock yesterday morning in his home, 1712 Venable street, after a brief illness. He is survived by five children—Mrs. Jackson, of Portsmouth; Mrs. John Burnett, Miss Cecella Finnerty and Peter A. Finnerty, of Richmond. The funeral arrangements will not be made until the son in Illinois can arrive here.

Funeral of Mrs. Meredith.

TOBACCO EXPERIMENTS.

Successful Results on Three Acres of Land in Appomattox County.

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLESTON, W. VA., February 19.—
A coroner's jury in the case of the disaster of the Detroit mine on January 18th, in which eighteen men lost their lives from the ignition of coal dust by shots, to-day returned a verdict that the explosion was the result of carelessness and neglect of duty of Mine Superintendent J. E. Miner, Mine Bose R. F. Townsend, and that said Miner and Townsend are guilty of involuntary manslaughter."

The jury also finds that Deputy Mine Inspector Bonner H. Hill, "by reason of his neglect of duty, is also guilty of involuntary manslaughter."

Warrants have been issued for the arrest of the men affected by the jury's verdict. Mr. E. H. Mathewson, manager of the Mr. E. H. Mathewson, manager of the United States Experiment Station in Apportune the Control of rest of the men affected by the jury's

proper proportion for the crop. This he puts in the drill at the time for planting. The three acres sold were planted at the same time and on land the same in every respect and of medium quality. On one acre he planted 4,000 fills of tobacco; under this he put \$5 worth of the best commercial fertilizer, and from it he got \$20 pounds of tobacco, which brought \$59.3. On the next acre he had 5,000 fills of tobacco; under this he put \$15 of his preparation; from it he got 1.226 pounds of tobacco, which brought \$10.00. On the third acre which brought \$10.00. On the third acre he had 6,000 fills of tobacco, and under this put \$30 worth of \$157 pounds of tobacco, the had 6,000 fills of tobacco, and under the put \$30 worth of \$157 pounds of tobacco, the had 6,000 fills of tobacco, and under the put \$30 worth of \$157 pounds of tobacco, the had 6,000 fills of tobacco, and under the head of \$150 pounds \$ compromise resolution agreed upon to-night by a sub-committee of House Com-mittee on interstate and Foreign Com-merce appointed to consider the Tiliman and Gillespie resolutions and agree upon a measure which will be reported to the entire House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to-morrow.

A combination of the Tiliman, Gilles-pic and Campbell resolutions was effected.

Echoes From Horses' Skulls.

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Those curious twists and turns superstitions take are to be found in the introduction of horses' skills in or about the church buildings in England and Scotland, the reason alloged being to help the sound in church. This habit is unquestionably a relic of heathenism where an animal was sacrificed. Some years ago, when an old meeting house in Edinard was pulled down, the sounding board space above the pulpit was found to be filled with horses' skulls. In some parts of England there still exists the idea that if a horses's head is buried in a field there will be an echo. MRS. GARDNER ENGAGEMENT (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON. D. C., February 19.—
When asked to-day concerning the report of his engagement to Mrs. Jack Gardner. of Boston, Representative Bourke Cockran, of New York, Said:
"I cannot discuss, I can only deplore, such an unauthorized use of the lady's name."

Railway Rates in Germany.

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The German reilroad system is not complicated by any rebate issues, nor by lobbles, pools, combinations, dark-lantera deals, seeret compacts, crooked congressmen, purchased senators, bribed district attorneys. No part of the railroad earnings in Germany need be set apart for the expenses of gentlemen engaged in manipulating political conventions, or in electing seertain candidates and defeating certain candidates and defeating certain others. That makes a wonderful difference in the practical operations of the system and a wonderful advantage to the public pocket-book. In Germany railroad rates are based on the cost of trunsportation, the interest on the outstanding bonds, and a fair profit on the service performed. In America they are based on the traffic managers never the service of the public pocket of the public profit of the service performed. In America they are based on the traffic managers never the service of the control of the service of the control of the service of the public profit of the service of the public profit of the service of the control of the contr Polk Miller Entertains.

Mr. Polk Miller and his negro quartette gave an entertainment last night in the Y. M. C. A. Hall under the auspices of the Ladde's Aid Society of the First English Lautheran Church. A large and appreciative crowd was present, and Mr. Miller told some of his best fokes with several new ones. The quartette rendered some of the quaint old negro songs, which very much pleased the audience.

Mrs. Fannie Ellen Harlow,

Mrs. Fannie Ellen Harlow, of 401 East
Clay street, died at 2:15 o'clock Sunday
afternoon at St. Luke's Hospital. She
W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. Ec.